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8. Markets how supplied.

9. Progress of agricultural operations, state of standing crops, prospects and probable outturn of harvests, serious damage done to crops by insects or other natural calamities.

10. Prospects of season, tracts in which the rainfall has been insufficient, areas affected by scarcity, number of people under relief, and state of food stocks.

11. Public health.

Remarks as to the condition of agricultural stock, failure of pasturage, of fodder, etc.

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	Average for the past five years of the corresponding week.	*Current.*	
Prices of food grains—Rice	7·4	5½ to 5¾	seers per rupee.
Ragi	17·9	9½ to 10½	

Agricultural operations.—Ragi thrashing.

Outturn of harvests.—Ragi, yield 4 annas in a rupee.

Cattle are in good condition. Fodder sufficient.

Water scarcity prevails in the outlying villages.

BANGALORE CITY AND TALUKS.

8. Market well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Sugar-cane is being sown and paddy harvested in parts of Devanhalli Taluk; sugar-cane is being milled in Dodballapur, Nelamangala and Devanhalli Taluks; and ragi thrashed in the Channapatna Taluk.

Standing crops.—Wet crops are reported to be in moderate condition in some parts and dried up in other parts of Hoskote Taluk; sugar-cane is in moderate condition in Dodballapur, Nelamangala and Kankanhalli Taluks; and is withering in parts of Magadi and Anekal Taluks. Bengal gram is in moderate condition in Nelamangala Taluk.

Harvest and outturn.—It is reported that the outturn of paddy during the week is on an average 9 annas in parts of Hoskote, 8 annas in parts of Magadi, 4¾ annas in Devanhalli and 3 annas in Closepet Sub-Taluk. Sugar-cane 8 annas in Nelamangala Taluk, and ragi 5 annas in Hoskote, 6½ annas in Dodballapur, 8 annas in Magadi, 6 annas in Devanhalli and 9 annas in Closepet Sub-Taluk.

Damage to crops.—Bengal gram in Magadi Taluk is reported to be damaged by insects.

10. The prospects of the season are reported to be good in Hoskote, Nelamangala, and Anekal Taluks; to be moderate in Bangalore, Kankanhalli and Devanhalli Taluks; and to be not promissing in Magadi, Channapatna and Closepet. Scarcity is felt in Hesarghatta Hobli of Bangalore Taluk, Hoskote and parts of Devanhalli and Magadi Taluks. Ragi dole is being given to the distressed in the affected villages of Magadi Taluk. Food stuffs are available, but their prices are very high.

11. Public health generally good. Small-pox is reported to be prevailing in Closepet Town and plague in Channarayapatna and Dasarhalli of Devanhalli Taluk.

12. Cattle are reported to be generally healthy, and "Dod Roga" is prevailing in parts of Dodballapur and Magadi Taluks; and "Rinderpest" in Rampur and Komarhalli villages of Channapatna Taluk. Fodder and water are generally available for the present, except in parts of Dodballapur Taluk where scarcity is felt for both. Well water is being used in some parts of Magadi and Channapatna Taluks.

KOLAR.

8. Market moderately supplied.

9. *Standing crops* are reported to be in fairly good condition.

Crops sown.—Cholum in tank beds in parts of the district and sugar-cane in the Bagepalli Taluk.

Crops harvested.—Kulthi in Bowringpet, Mulbagal, Bagepalli and Malur; huchellu in Bowringpet; avare in Bagepalli; ragi in Gudibanda; paddy in Bowringpet; sugar-cane in Mulbagal, Sidlaghatta, Chikballapur, Bagepalli, Goribidnur and Srinivaspur Taluks, and Gudibanda Sub-Taluk.

Outturn of harvests.—

Sugar-cane in Bagepalli, Goribidnur and Srinivaspur—Yield from 8 to 12 annas.
" " Chikballapur—Yield from 2 to 8 annas.
" " Gudibanda—Yield from 4 to 12 annas.
" " Mulbagal and Sidlaghatta—Yield from 4 to 8 annas.
Kulthi in Bowringpet—Yield from 2 to 4 annas.
" Bagepalli— " Do
" Mulbagal and Malur—Yield 2 annas.
Huchellu in Bowringpet—Yield from 2 to 4 annas.
Avare in Bagepalli—Yield from 2 to 4 annas.
Ragi in Gudibanda—Yield from 2 to 8 annas.
Paddy in Bowringpet—Yield from 2 to 12 annas.

10. Prospects of the season not satisfactory. Food stuffs are available; but their prices continue to be very high. The cooly classes find labour in sinking wells, repairing roads, executing earthwork to tanks, in sugar-cane mills, and under tangadi bark contractors for the present.

11. Except for plague in Kyalanur village of the Kolar Taluk and small-pox in parts of the Mulbagal Taluk, public health is generally good.

12. It is reported that "Rinderpest" is still prevailing in parts of Mulbagal, Sidlaghatta and Bagepalli Taluks and Gudibanda Sub-Taluk. Water and fodder sufficient for the present except in some parts of the Goribidnur and Srinivaspur Taluks and in the Chikballapur town where temporary wells have been sunk.

TUMKUR.

8. Supply in market moderate.

9. *Standing crops.*—Paddy and Bengal gram and cholum in Maddagiri, Chiknayakanhalli, Sira, Gubbi and Pavagada Taluks and Koratagere and Turuvekere Sub-Taluks, are reported to be in moderately good condition. Sugar-cane in Tumkur Taluk and Turuvekere Sub-Taluk is withering, but the same is reported to be in fair condition in the Kunigal Taluk.

Crops sown.—Paddy in Maddagiri, Chiknayakanhalli and Sira Taluks, and nat ragi and cholum in the Sira Taluk.

Crops harvested.—Sugar-cane in Tumkur and Maddagiri Taluks and Turuvekere Sub-Taluk. Avare, togari, and horse gram in Maddagiri, Sira and part of Tiptur Taluks and paddy in Gubbi Taluk.

10. Prospects of the season not satisfactory. The major portion of the district is now affected with scarcity. Relief works properly so called have not as yet been started, but a very large number of District Fund, Maramat and other works are in progress and afford labour to the poor. Food stuffs are available for the present, but their prices continue to be as high as before.

11. Except for small-pox in certain villages of the Maddagiri, Chiknayakanhalli and Tiptur Taluks, public health is generally good.

12. "Dod Roga" among cattle in the Tumkur, Maddagiri, Sira, Gubbi and Pavagada Taluks and the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk, is still prevailing. Fodder is procurable in limited quantities except in portions of Tumkur, Chiknayakanhalli, Tiptur, Pavagada and Kunigal and Turuvekere Sub-Taluk. Water scarcity is being felt in several villages of the Tumkur, Chiknayakanhalli, Gubbi, Tiptur, Pavagada and Kunigal Taluks and in the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk. Temporary wells are being sunk in many places.

MYSORE.

8. Market fairly well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Lands in parts of Gundlupet Taluk are being ploughed for sowing kar seeds. Wet and dry lands are being ploughed all over the T.-Narsipur Taluk.

Standing crops.—These are reported to be in a fair condition in all the taluks except in parts of Mysore and Mandya Taluks, where they are withering for want of rain. Bengal gram is reported to be not good in the Nagamangala and Nanjangud Taluks. Sugar-cane is being milled in Kasaba and Bannur Hobli of the T.-Narsipur Taluk.

Crops harvested.—Paddy in parts of Hunsur, Heggaddevankote, Nanjangud, T.-Narsipur and Malvalli Taluks. Avaré in parts of the Hunsur Taluk. Togari in parts of Hunsur and Yedatore Taluks. Horse gram, green and black grams in parts of Yedatore Taluk. Bumpur crops in parts of Sosale Hobli in the T.-Narsipur Taluk. Ragi in parts of T.-Narsipur Taluk. Ragi is being thrashed in parts of Heggaddevankote, Malvalli, T.-Narsipur and Krishnarajpete Taluks.

Estimated outturn of crops.—

In the Seringapatam Taluk—Paddy, yield 16 annas.
Ragi, yield from 4 to 6 annas.

In the Malvalli Taluk—Paddy and ragi, yield 8 annas.

In the Mandya Taluk—Paddy and sugar-cane, Bengal gram and jola under tanks yield, less than 4 annas.

In the Krishnarajpete Taluk—Ragi, yield 4 annas.

10. Prospects of the season indifferent in some parts and not good in other parts. Food stuffs are available with raiyats and merchants, but their prices are still high. Some cases of distress were detected and relieved in Holesal and Bannur villages of T.-Narsipur Taluk, among working classes and Paradanashini women. Ragi was gratuitously distributed among some men in Kikkeri and Santebachahalli Hoblis of the Krishnarajpete Taluk and in the affected Hoblis of the Nagamangala Taluk.

11. Except for plague in a few places in the district, public health generally good.

12. Cattle are suffering from "Dod Roga" in parts of Mysore, Heggaddevankote, Gundlupet and Nanjangud Taluks and from "Chappe Roga" in parts of the Mysore Taluk. Fodder is scarce in parts of Mandya, Krishnarajpete and Nagamangala Taluks. It is reported that cattle from Channarayapatna Taluk have come to Muttarayanahosahalli Kaval, Hunsur Taluk, for grazing. Tanks in parts of the Mandya Taluk are running dry. Water is available for the present. It is reported from T.-Narsipur Taluk that while ragi and jola are imported, paddy and straw are being exported.

HASSAN.

8. Market fairly well supplied.

9. *Standing crops.*—Sugar-cane and kadle in Hassan Taluk are reported to be withering for want of rain. Avare and kadle in the Arkalgud Taluk, sugar-cane and kadle in the Hole-Narsipur Taluk and avare, kadle, coriander and menthya in the maidan parts of the Belur Taluk are reported to be somewhat fair. Kadale sown in the beds of tanks in the Arsikere Taluk is reported to be flowering, while that in Channarayapatna Taluk is reported to be withering.

Agricultural operations.—Dry lands in parts of Channarayapatna Taluk are being ploughed (ಹಿಂಗಾರು ಉಳ್ಳೆ) as also wet lands in parts of Manjarabad Taluk.

Crops harvested.—Kadale in Hassan and Hole-Narsipur Taluks, transplanted ragi and paddy in Manjarabad Taluk, sugar-cane in Channarayapatna and Belur Taluks and Alur Sub-Taluk and wild gingelly in Arkalgud Taluk.

10. Prospects of the season generally fair, except in parts of Arsikere and Channarayapatna Taluks, parts of Dod Kadnur Hobli in the Hole-Narsipur Taluk and in parts of Madihalli and Halebidu Hoblis in the Belur Taluk, where the prospects are not encouraging.

11. Except for plague in parts of Hassan and Belur Taluks, public health is generally good. Measles in Hole-Narsipur Town and Alur Kasaba as also chicken-pox in Alur Kasaba are reported to be prevalent.

12. Cattle are generally in fair condition. "Dod Roga" is prevalent in parts of Manjarabad, Arkalgud and Arsikere Taluks. The Assistant Veterinary Inspector is in the Arkalgud Taluk for doing the needful. Fodder is generally available. In parts of Channarayapatna Taluk, dug-up grass is being used as also jola stalks and sugar-cane leaves in addition to ragi and paddy straw. Many cart-loads of ragi and paddy straw are taken to Arsikere from Hassan and Manjarabad Taluks and Alur Sub-Taluk. Difficulty for water having been felt in some taluks, needful steps are being taken. Many head of cattle which had been taken to the Manjarabad Taluk, from the maidan taluks, for grazing purposes are being taken back as the malnad pasture did not agree with the cattle.

SHIMOGA.

8. Market moderately supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Paddy is being harvested in Shikarpur, Sorab, Sagar, Nagar and Tirthahalli Taluks; ragi in Shimoga, Channagiri, Honnali and Sorab Taluks; avare in Shimoga, Channagiri and Honnali Taluks; areca in Sagar, Nagar and Tirthahalli Taluks; sugar-cane is being milled in Shimoga, Channagiri, Shikarpur, Sorab, Sagar, Nagar and Tirthahalli Taluks and in Kumsi Sub-Taluk.

Standing crops.—Bengal gram in Shimoga Taluk; cotton, jola, Bengal gram in Channagiri Taluk are not in good condition.

Probable outturn of crops.—

Shimoga Taluk—Paddy 4 to 8 annas.
Channagiri Taluk—Paddy 4 to 8 annas.
Ragi and other dry crops 4 to 8 annas.
Honnali—Paddy 4 to 8 annas.
Shikarpur—Paddy 8 annas.
" Sugar-cane 8 annas.
Sorab—Paddy 10 annas.
" Ragi 2 to 4 annas.
" Sugar-cane 10 annas.
" Areca 12 annas.
Sagar—Paddy 8 to 12 annas.
Nagar—Paddy 14 annas.
" Sugar-cane 8 annas.
Tirthahalli—Paddy 10 annas.
" Areca 12 annas.
Kumsi—Paddy 14 annas.
" Horse gram 8 annas.
" Ragi 10 annas.

Demand for labour—

In the affected villages of the Channagiri Honnali and Shimoga Taluks, there is not at present any great demand for labour. The labouring classes will be employed on harvesting operations for about a month more and works have been started or are in readiness in villages where there is need for labour.

General condition of the District—

The yield of the ragi and jolam crops has been poor in the affected villages but there is no cause for anxiety. Temporary wells have been sanctioned in places where scarcity for water is felt. The Sulekere tank is almost dry. Four temporary wells have been sanctioned to be excavated in the bed of the tank for the use of travellers and other persons who are expected to collect at Sulekere for the annual jatra there.

10. Prospects of the season uncertain. Food stuffs are available in the markets but the prices still continue to be high.

11. Public health generally good. Plague has subsided in the Shimoga Taluk and the Kumsi Sub-Taluk.

12. Fodder and water are available for the present. Murrain (Dod Roga) is still prevailing in Shimoga, Channagiri, Sorab, Sagar and Nagar Taluks.

KADUR.

8. Market well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Ploughing is going on in Chikmagalur, Mudgere and Yedahalli. Sowing of kar-paddy, sugar-cane and jola in parts of Kadur and of green gram in a few villages of Tarikere is also going on.

Standing crops.—

In Chikmagalur.—Coffee, jola, gingelly, kulthi, avare, Bengal gram, wheat, fenugreek, coriander, castor and sugar-cane.

In Kadur—Paddy, wheat, Bengal gram, avare, sugar-cane and castor.

In Tarikere—Bengal gram, sugar-cane, avare, jola, cotton, gingelly, togari and coriander.

In Koppa—Pepper, sugar-cane, coffee, and areca.

In Mudgere—Paddy, ragi, coffee and areca.

In Yedahalli—Sugar-cane, areca and coffee. Condition of standing dry crops is reported to be unsatisfactory for want of timely and sufficient rain.

Crops harvested and their yield.—

In Chikmagalur—Coffee, sugar-cane and avare, kulthi and castor, yield from 4 to 8 annas.

In Kadur—Castor, yield 2 annas; avare and Bengal gram, yield 4 annas and sugar-cane 8 annas.

In Mudgere—Paddy, yield 8 annas; ragi, yield 2 annas; avare, yield 8 annas and coffee, yield 8 to 12 annas.

In Yedahalli—Areca, yield from 8 to 10 annas; sugar-cane, yield from 8 to 10 annas and coffee, yield from 10 to 12 annas.

10. Prospects of the season, though unsatisfactory, does not seem to call for any special arrangements to provide for labor. It being the harvesting time the poorer class find work in the fields and on ordinary Public Works in progress throughout the district. The local officers have been instructed to watch the situation and take the necessary steps in that direction without loss of time. Food stuffs are available, but their prices rule high.

11. Public health generally good except for plague in certain villages of the Kadur and Tarikere Taluks.

12. Cattle generally healthy. Water and fodder are available in the malnad; but difficulty is felt in procuring them in the maidan portions of the district.

CHITALDRUG.

8. Market well supplied.

9. *Standing crops.*—Cotton, paddy, wheat, avare, castor, sugar-cane, chillies, navane, jola, tobacco and ragi are reported to be withering for want of rain, except those under channel and kapile wells which are fairly in good condition.

Seeds sown.—Nil.

Crops harvested.—Castor, cotton, jola, tobacco and Bengal gram in the Holalkere Taluk yield 4 to 8 annas.

Works such as removal of prickly-pear, deepening wells, restoration of gokattes, earthwork to tanks, filling up of large pits, trenches and nalas in the vicinity of villages and road works, etc., have been started to relieve the distress of the poor and the needy in addition to takavi loans and gratuitous relief in grains in the Chitaldrug, Challakere, Hiriyur, Davangere, Jagalur and Hosdurga Taluks. There is some demand for labour in the affected parts of the district, but it is not very great owing to the work at the takavi and private kapile wells and harvesting. As the harvest season has now come to a close, more labourers are expected hereafter. Fodder is insufficient, and the well-to-do raiyats get what they want from places where fodder is available by paying exorbitant prices. Water is made available by deepening the existing wells, and sinking new ones.

10. *Prospects of the season.*—Fair except in parts of Chitaldrug, Challakere, Hiriyur, Davangere, Jagalur and Hosdurga Taluks.

Food stocks.—Available.

11. Public health generally good.

12. Cattle healthy, except in parts of Chitaldrug and Holalkere Taluks, where Rinderpest prevails. Water and fodder available except in parts of Chitaldrug, Hiriyur, Challakere, Molakalmuru and Hosdurga Taluks.

BANGALORE,
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